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RESOLUTION DECLARING WAR, DRAFTED

Chairman Flood Introduces This Action
Today--State of War Between U. S.
and Austria-Hungary Now Exists

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 5.—A joint resolution has been drafted in accordance with the message of President Wilson and the State Department declaring that a state of war exists and to have existed from noon today between the United States and Austria-Hungary and the direct employment of the naval and military forces are to carry on a war against that country.

This resolution was introduced to-day by Chairman Flood of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

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VIOLENT BATTLES ARE RESUMED IN NORTHERN ITALY

An Official Report of Today Says the Austro-Germans Are Massing Men and Guns in Large Numbers--Fighting Already Begun--Resumption of Violent Action is Foreshadowed

NO DECISION IN SMALL CASE

Supreme Court Hands Down Number of Important Opinions.

Concord, Dec. 5.—The supreme court at the opening of the December session yesterday, gave no decision on the petition of Frederick L. Small of Ossipee for a new trial. Small was convicted of wife murder by the superior court last January and was sentenced to be hanged on January 16, 1918. Exceptions taken by Small's counsel at the trial were argued at the November term of the supreme court.

With a declaration of war against Austria, the people are now beginning to note the seriousness of the U. S. position.



(By Associated Press)

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 5.—A great force of men and guns are being massed by the Austro-Germans in the Asolo sector according to an official report that reached here today and the resumption of the offensive battles on larger scales is expected.

The reports indicate that the Austro-Germans have massed an army of ten divisions of troops.

An expected heavy artillery bombardment from the enemy took place last night and early today in the northern sector where the huge army is being massed. The artillery firing of last night and early today is believed to be a foreshadow of the long expected resumption of a terrific battle and heavy enemy offensive from the north.

During the attack last night and the ones this morning the enemy used heavy and mobile caliber guns.

OUTLINED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Leader Kitchin and Speaker Clark Express Their Views on the Duty of Congress.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 5.—In outlining legislation program, Democratic Leader Kitchin said that legislation should be confined as far as possible to appropriations and war measures.

He stated that woman suffrage would probably be taken up and voted on before the Christmas holidays. Conservation measures, he concluded, might also be acted upon.

Speaker Clark urged the abandonment of the Christmas recess, but Leader Kitchin opposed this action.

Speaker Clark said: "If we keep going at the rate that we are now we would get through this session before December."

ARMISTICE HAS REACHED ROUMANIA

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, via London, Dec. 5.—The negotiations between Russia and Germany for an armistice have extended to the Roumanian troops.

HEAR PROCTOR IN VARNEY TRIAL

(By Associated Press)
Dedham, Mass., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Pauline A. Keyes did not kill herself in the opinion of Dr. Harry M. Cutts, medical examiner of Brookline, who when he first viewed the body of Mrs. Keyes stated that the case was a suicide.

During his testimony today at the trial of Miss Harriet Varney, the friend and frequent companion of the

LOSE 231 SHIPS SINCE AUG. 1914

(By Associated Press)
Liverpool, Dec. 5.—The Liverpool Steamship Owners Association reports that 231 of its ships with a total tonnage of 1,465,016 are numbered among the war losses since April, 1915. The marine losses numbered 33 vessels with a total of 174,359 tons.

New vessels added to the fleet of the members of the association were 131 with a tonnage of 916,532.

GERMANS TAKE ITALIAN TOWN

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, via London, Dec. 5.—Austro-German forces yesterday captured some of the hill positions in the Sette Comuni region on the mountain front in Northern Italy, according to an official statement issued by the German war office today.

WILL CHANGE DISCOUNT RATES

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 5.—To discourage inflation and to promote sound business conditions the federal reserve board recommended a general increase in discount rates of about one-half per cent for most of the federal reserve banks in the country.

Portsmouth will be well represented in France.

MAN POWER A QUESTION OF THE WAR

It Was Announced Today That This Was One of the Most Important Matters Taken Up at the Inter-Allied Conference--U. S. to Act in Question

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 5.—Consideration of the question of man power for the prospects of winning the war was one of the most important matters taken up at the Inter-Allied Conference, recently held in Paris.

This became known today when a summary of the results of the conference was made public.

It was decided by the conference that the United States should appoint delegates to participate in deliberations or

to appoint a permanent committee which will handle the question.

HERE THEY ARE

The Tiger A. C. basketball team is out for a brush with strong teams in this vicinity; Rochester team preferred. The line up Connors and Weany, forwards; Fiehrer, center; Pilgrim and Neville, backs.

A letter from Jerry Waldron received this morning from France, says he is well.

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CROWLEY GETS THIRD TERM AT NASHUA, N. H.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 5.—James B. Crowley was elected for a third term as mayor yesterday by 2275 votes, against 1658 for Henry A. Burke. The election was non-partisan, both candidates being Democrats.

Dr. Augustus W. Shea and George H. Alley were re-elected Aldermen-at-large and Fred E. Taggart was also chosen to that office. Frank E. Cola, Charles R. Blake, H. E. Richards, George S. Spaulding, John H. Hogan, Matthew Sullivan, Wilbur Davis, Willard D. Reed and William Lagusse were elected ward aldermen. Albert B. McLean and Frank T. Louis were re-elected to the board of public works, Henry H. Davis, re-elected assessor and Albert J. McLean, Frank B. Clancy, James L. Bickford and Walter C. French, re-elected to the board of education.

STAFF TO RULE ALLIED NAVIES

Paris, Dec. 5.—The foreign office officially announced yesterday, that at the recent inter-allied conference, in which the United States took part, agreements were concluded "on the basis of complete understanding and close solidarity among the allies in which they have a common interest in the war."

It was also announced that the creation of a supreme inter-allied naval committee had been decided on.

The inter-allied general staff, it was said, was working on a definite military program which would place unity of military action in the way of certain realization.

The announcement regarding the results of the conference was made in the following official statement:

"The minister of foreign affairs reported to the cabinet council today the results of the conference of the Allies. The reading of communications from the presidents of each section of the allied conference, at which were present for the first time representatives of all the countries taking part with us in this war, has given felicitous results from every point of view. They give assurance of practical unity of action, economical financial and military."

The agreements have been concluded on the basis of a complete understanding and close solidarity among the allies for the solution of the questions in which they have a common interest in the war. The financial needs of each of them, the requirements of their armament, their transport, their food, and have been the subjects of profound study which guarantee perfect satisfaction.

The creation of a supreme inter-allied naval committee has been determined on. Military unity of action has been placed in the course of certain realization by the inter-allied general staff, which is at work on an established program for all military questions.

"From a diplomatic point of view entire accord resulted from the discussions among the representatives of the powers on all the business, which has been arranged together to assure the common victory of the countries."

SEES BETTER TIMES FOR FARMERS AFTER WAR

Speaker Channing Cox Says People Are Now Learning to Eat Vegetables.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Speaker Channing Cox, in an address before the New England Ayrshire club at the Revere house yesterday predicted that farmers will profit after the war by the fact that people are now learning to eat more vegetables.

Chances that storage houses are full of butter and that the government is boycotting its use, were made by Ivory B. Kimball of Rehoboth, a member of the club; when he objected to a remark by J. C. Watson, director of the National Ayrshire association extension service, that dairy products are scarce.

Kimball asserted that the South, city cotton-seed oil men have been interested in the campaign to shelves, butter for the present, so that substitutes from their product might be

A LETTER
Dear Madam,
Every well dressed woman knows that the success of her Fall Suit depends on the Correctness of Styles, Perfect fit, Beautiful Colors, and the Wearing Qualities of Fabric.

My reputation for all of these is too well established to be further mentioned. Nevertheless, I invite your kind inspection of my models, fashions and fabrics. I would like to have an opportunity to convince yourself of the correctness of this statement.

I am sure that a trial order would result in mutual satisfaction.

Yours truly,
The Philadelphia Ladies' Tailor.

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sold. The question was not taken up further.

The auction of Ayrshire cattle in Springfield, in June, it was reported, was the most successful ever held in the country.

Mr. Watson, in his address told of the high infant mortality rate abroad due to the lack of milk. He thought it reflected on the American farmers that 3000 packages of Australian butter were landed at San Francisco a few weeks ago and that tests by experts showed this butter to be superior to the home-made article.

At the business session before dinner these officers were elected: President, Arthur H. Sagendorph, Spencer, Mass.; secretary-treasurer, J. M. Handy, Barre, Mass.; auditor, George H. Neaton, Dover, N. H.

KITTERY

Kittery, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Cora Blaney, who has been restricted to her home at North Kittery the past week by illness, is improving.

Harry Remick of Remick's Corner passed the recent holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Remick of Lynn.

The Ladies' Union of the First Methodist church will have a social on Thursday evening of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes of North Kittery. The regular meeting of the Union was held Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Elbridge Remick and plans were discussed for the Christmas sale to be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12.

The Ladies' Union of the Peoples Society held an all-day session on Tuesday with Mrs. Samuel Caswell, and plans were made for the Christmas sale to be held on Tuesday next at the Community House. The sale begins in the afternoon, a supper will be served, and a fine entertainment has been prepared for the evening, including the Girls' Orchestra, and Miss Helen Smith, reader, from Eliot.

Ident. Albert Anderson, U. S. A., and Mrs. Anderson of Portland have been the recent guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Wentworth street.

Mrs. Austin Higgins of Pierston street, who recently underwent an operation at the Portsmouth hospital, has returned home and is able to go out.

Leo Blaney of Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., and Mrs. Walter Lydston and family of Portsmouth have been recent guests of Mrs. Cora Blaney of North Kittery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emery of Rogers road have returned from a visit to relatives in Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Duncan S. McIntire of Dover was a recent visitor in town.

No books will be given out at the Rice Public Library after Dec. 15, until stock taking is completed. The library will be open on the usual days for the return of books, and for patrons of the reading room.

The membership committee of the Red Cross met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Chealey on Tuesday evening to start arrangements for the drive for new members to be made during the week of Dec. 17.

Samuel Williams has moved his family from Wells to the Kimball house on Manson avenue.

All sons of veterans who are interested in the formation of a Camp are requested to meet with E. G. Parker Post, G. A. R., on Thursday evening at Odd Fellows' hall.

Mrs. Martha Kimball of Manson avenue has gone to Quincy, Mass., to pass the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Cobb.

All the knitting of the Red Cross will be packed for shipment to Boston on Saturday, and it is desired that all who have any finished send the same to Mrs. G. H. D. L'Amoreux before Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid of the Government Street church will have their annual Christmas sale on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Mrs. Hattie Wentworth, who is passing several months in Winchester, Mass., is spending several days at her home on Dame street.

Mrs. John Hall of the Isle of Shoals is visiting relatives in town.

KITTERY POINT

Kittery Point, Dec. 5.—The ladies of the Congregational church met on Tuesday afternoon at the Community house to decorate and get ready for the Christmas sale and entertainment which will be held this evening.

Mrs. Herbert Baker spent Tuesday with Mrs. Arthur Baker of Kittery.

Miss Carmine Colby has taken employment at the home of Mrs. Joseph Boyer.

The K. F. G. Embroidery club will meet with Mrs. George Kimball on Friday afternoon.

David Smith who has been in Davis, Canada, for the past six years, has arrived in town to pass a few weeks with his family.

The W. C. T. U. will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Josephine Frisbee.

Andrew Large of Newcastle was a visitor in town last evening calling on friends.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Christian church will meet this evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eddy.

Albert Anderson who has been restricted to his home for the past two weeks by the grippe and blood poisoning is resting comfortably.

COURT JUSTICES ARE ASSIGNED

Chief Justice Kivel and Judge Sawyer Will Preside in This City.

The assignment of superior court justices for 1918 in this state has been arranged as follows:

The January term will open in Manchester on New Year's day, with Chief Justice Kivel and Judge Sawyer presiding. Judge Marble will preside at Lebanon.

January 8, Judge Allen will preside at Exeter, Judge Branch will be at Dover Feb. 5, and Judge Allen will be at Laconia on March 19. April 2, Judge Branch will be at Concord and Judge Sawyer will be at Lancaster.

April 9, Judge Sawyer will be at Keene.

At the opening of the May term on May 7, Chief Justice Kivel will preside at Manchester, and Judge Branch will sit at Newport and Judge Sawyer at Portsmouth. Judge Allen will be at Exeter on May 14, and Judge Marble will be at Ossipee May 21.

Judge Marble will preside at the opening of the September term on September 3 at Colebrook, while Chief Justice Kivel will be at Dover, Judge Allen will be at Woodserville on Sept. 10, and Judge Branch will be at Nashua September 17.

October 1, Judge Sawyer will sit at Concord and October 8, Judge Marble will be at Keene. Judge Allen will be at Laconia October 15 and Chief Justice Kivel will preside at Portsmouth the same day. Judge Marble sits in Newport on Nov. 12, and Chief Justice Kivel will be at Berlin Dec. 3, while Judge Allen will be at Ossipee.

Shown at the Colonial This Evening.

CITY OF BOARDS IS ERECTED FOR METRO SPECIAL PRODUCTION

CLERKS FOR DRAFT BOARDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—In the organization of the new draft classification system, Provost Marshal General Crowder announced yesterday, due regard was had for the faithful service of the men who compose the district and local boards of the country, and their tasks were made lighter than under the old system.

"It is not intended to impose clerical duties on the board members," said General Crowder, "and a chief clerk is authorized at \$100 a month for every local board having over 1000 registrants. Nothing will be asked of local boards except an investigation of doubtful cases and their judicial opinion of the classes into which their registration should be placed and a general supervision of the records of their jurisdiction as each new draft army may be called.

All the mining scenes are true to life, and in "Their Compact" the public has been given a super-feature in every sense of the word.

NEW THRUST AT ITALY

Italian Army Headquarters in North Italy, Dec. 4 (By the Associated Press)—The enemy activity now is taking the form of demonstrations by the artillery, followed up by the infantry, the preparatory gunfire not being of so concentrated a character as that usually preceding determined assaults. These demonstrations are either intended to mask movements at other points or are set in motion in the process of feeling the way for the best opening along the Plave and the northern Italian line.

The enemy movements are being put into effect principally on the upper Plave, where the river passes lead between Monte Monfenera and Montello to the Venetian plain, and on the middle Plave, where the enemy continues very active in constructing bridges to the middle ground of Grava da Papadopoli, an island lying in midstream, which affords him a sort of half-way station. The pressure at the former point is on the northern mountain line while the bridging operation at the island is directed at the eastern river line. The Monte Monfenera-Montello section demands especial attention, for the indications are that this is where the enemy is placing his chief dependence upon making his final drive before the mountain snows become so heavy as to block him from further reinforcement.

In the middle Plave sector, where the bridging attempt is in progress, the enemy already has constituted eleven bridges to the middle ground of Grava da Papadopoli. This is not considered a serious menace as the island is still separated from the west bank of the river by a channel as wide as most of the main stream. Similar enemy attempts at bridging are in progress on the lower Plave, where pontoon structures are set up daily and shelled down by Italian land and naval batteries. Here also the bridges are

not considered seriously to menace the Italian line, even if they could stand up against the Italian fire, as they lead to the inundated triangle and are fronted by the additional barrier of the old bed of the Plave River, separating the enemy from the Italian lines on the west bank.

These demonstrations are being closely observed, as they are likely to show before long what the enemy purposes doing before the winter sets in.

RAILROAD NOTES

The material for the new truss work for the railroad part of the Portsmouth and Kittery bridge is being assembled on Noble's Island by the B. & M. bridge crew.

A surprise dinner was tendered Charles M. Burt, general passenger agent of the Boston & Maine railroad Tuesday evening at his home in Newton, Mass., in honor of his birthday. The dinner was given by Mrs. Burt, and the friends whom she invited presented to Mr. Burt a beautiful solid silver shaker in honor of the occasion. Among those present were Major Canfield, builder of the cantonment at Ayer; Captain Stone who has also been active in the construction of Camp Devens; Nelson E. Weeks, Walter A. Barrows of the Boston & Maine railroad, A. B. Smith of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, Fred Grant of the Rutland; Sam Manning of the Santa Fe, John W. Hanley of the Central Vermont, and H. W. Whilton of the Boston & Maine.

A change has been made among the local switching crews of the Boston and Maine, the men being assigned to different hours of work.

Runners of another line cut in the passenger train service is talked of in Boston circles. According to the report many short line runs may be canceled and some of longer run where it can be done. The movement is said to be owing to scarcity of coal.

The Boston & Maine has issued orders to conductors and passenger trainmen regarding fires and direct that cars be taken to prevent the same. The order directs that no paper be left near steam pipes of passenger cars, more care for train humps and all oily rags, etc., be kept out of lockers.

W. F. Witham

The funeral of W. F. Witham was held at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon from his late home in Greenland, Rev. B. W. Lamberton officiating. Interment was in the Greenland cemetery under the direction of O. W. Ham.

BROUGHT HERE FOR INTERMENT

The body of Mrs. Mary Maxwell who died at Cambridge, was brought here on Tuesday forenoon and interment took place in the Harmony Grove cemetery under the direction of O. W. Ham.

SOUTH ELIOT

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NEW QUEBEC BRIDGE IS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC

Quebec, Dec. 4.—The new Quebec bridge was formally opened to traffic today. The first freight train, composed of sixteen freight cars, one van and one private car, of a total weight of 124 tons, crossed and recrossed the bridge yesterday. A large number of Quebec bridge and Canadian Government railway officials crossed on the first train.

The Republicans are highly pleased with the high class ticket they have selected for the municipal election next Tuesday and they are confident that they will bring the city back into the Republican column.

ANOTHER PORTSMOUTH CASE

It Proves That There's A Way Out for Many Suffering Portsmouth Folks.

Just another report of a case in Portsmouth. Another typical case. Kidney ailments relieved in Portsmouth with Dean's Kidney Pills.

Leslie Whitehouse, 35 Maplewood Ave., Portsmouth, says: "I was annoyed at times by a catch just over my kidneys. I felt so bad that I could hardly move about. There was a dull, throbbing pain across the small of my back. The kidney secretions were profuse, highly colored and contained sediment like brick dust. A couple of boxes of Dean's Kidney Pills relieved this disorder and up to the present time I have felt no return of it." (Statement given June 27, 1911.)

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GERMANS STOP FRUITLESS SLAUGHTER

Cease Infantry Attacks on Cambrai Salient. Her Loses Heaviest of the War. Italian Front Quiet

The Germans have apparently ceased their reckless expenditure of the lives of the troops in the vain effort to blot out the salient of Cambrai.

After four days of as savage a battle as the authorities state has taken place in any four days of the entire war, the Germans worn out have stopped and only artillery fighting is going on.

Although the Germans claim that in the four days they have captured 6000 prisoners and 100 machine guns, their loss in killed, wounded and prisoners, according to the British officers and newspaper correspondents, has made a terrible cost for the small amount of ground that they have been able to regain. The loss is said to be in excess of any other battle.

As yet the expected infantry attack in large forces on the Italian line along the Venetian plains, has not broken and there is a belief that the Germans will shortly renew their effort to break the line.

In Palestine the Turks and British have not begun the battle for Jerusalem, although the forces of General Allenby are constantly raiding the war, and they were literally mowed down in masses by the overwhelming killing the enemy.

BOMBARDMENT TERMED "IN THE FLANDERS HELL"

(By Associated Press) London, Dec. 4.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—A German description of a British bombardment, smoke screen, attacks with gas, flame-throwers and tanks followed by a charge of Canadians and Scots published by the Berlin Post is entitled "In the Flanders Hell."

"For weeks, day and night," says the writer, "the British kept our position under fire. Ever nearer buried the glowing stream that pouted crackling down upon us. Every day this fire grew hotter. Our artillery replied powerfully. The Army communiqué spoke of a concentration of enemy artillery, fire on individual sectors. Even we cannot describe what that means. The history of the world has never seen anything more awful. All calibers were brought into action, and a crater of unprecedented extent opened beside the others, was excavated afresh, swallowed up the old one, spread out beyond the pine trees and threw up the hinterland. Nothing remained. Intact of all that night of hard labor under the enemy's fire had created.

"The destroying fire did its work with depressing thoroughness, seeming to extinguish all life, and now came the turn of the smoke shells. Thick smoke lay before our eyes; so that we could see nothing, and yet ever further forward must we push our death defying posts. A real fog is more

patchwork compared with this artificial fog which the British sent out in order to veil their dispositions.

"When this appeared inadequate the enemy employed gas, and the evil

instincts came rolling towards our lines

and passed over them; only our gas-masks prevented every living thing from being destroyed. The gas had a singular effect on our weapons; all iron was covered with thick rust.

"The English now judged that they had done enough preparatory work, for suddenly drums started with the most terrifying effect. Shells of the heaviest calibre thundered across, with mines, machine-gun volleys, and hand-grenades all uniting in a blood-curdling, hellish pandemonium such as even a Dante would never be able to describe.

"German nerves held out with the utmost resolution, constantly awaiting the moment when the hurricane of fire would break loose. And the storm came

in the neighboring sector. Flame-throwers were turned out against this murderous english. No measures avail.

"There is nothing for it but to get back into the rearward positions.

"And then the enemy was on us.

"Think after tank loomed forward. These

monsters appeared invincible, and if

one of them was hit by a heavy shell

the guns and machine-guns inside

were kept going unremittingly, until

finally they from hell reached our lines. And behind the tanks came

German origin.

ARMY AND NAVY GAME AT NEWBURYPORT

The big football contest of the Merrimack Valley will be staged at Newburyport on Saturday afternoon, when the Army and Navy representing teams from the U. S. S. Leonidas stationed at Portsmouth navy yard and Co. A, 302nd Machine Battalion of Camp Devens, clash. The entire receipts will be given to Uncle Sam's boys and will go into their fund to provide comforts not taken care of by the government.

The entire company from Camp Devens is expected, while a large number of roosters from the navy yard will accompany the team. There will be a short parada before the game headed by the state guard company. The music will be furnished by the National Cadet Band of Newburyport. Dinner will be served the visitors at G. A. Hall at noon. One of the largest crowds that ever witnessed a game in this vicinity is expected judging from the advance sale of tickets.

ONLY FIVE PRISONERS NOW AT LIBERTY

(By Associated Press) Joliet, Ill., Dec. 4.—Charles Werner, one of the thirteen prisoners who escaped from the state prison here on Sunday night, was captured this morning at Morris, where he had appeared with a citizens unit over his prison garb. He had been shaved and was walking past the jail when he excited the suspicion of Deputy Sheriff Charles Hendrick and he placed him under arrest. He was doing time for murder. Only five of the thirteen remain at liberty.

JAPAN ASSAILED CHINA'S PRESS

(By Associated Press) Tokio, Dec. 3.—Efforts of the Chinese press to force the conclusion that the United States participate in the Chinese currency loan was intended to lessen Japan's influence in China, was denounced by the Japan Times as "like characteristic German nonsense." The Times points out that it was Japan which used its influence to obtain America's participation in the loan. The Times also asserts that investigations so far made by the imperial government reveal no ground for the rumors that the American government is trying to buy from Russia the Peninsula of Kwantung or for the reports of American ambitions for development in Siberia or Sogdien. It is suggested that these rumors, persistently circulated are of

people, however, are instructed to mix potatoes in the bread dough. With this year's crop and the imported grain in storage, Norway has enough flour till February or March. It is hoped here that the United States will grant export licenses for some of the grain bought there by Norwegian importers and the Norwegian government which now is ready for shipment.

"Norway is dependent on imported sugar as no sugar is produced here.

The consumption of sugar is still un-

limited. Candy factories turn out as

much candy as before and no sugar

card is in use here as in Sweden.

Last summer an ordinance was passed putting motor vehicles and motor craft on rations of gasoline. The result

was that automobiles were used more freely than ever. The American em-

bargo again forced the authorities to

act and the sale of gasoline for use

in private cars was entirely stopped

beginning October 1. Taxicabs were

only permitted to operate from 6 a.m.

to 8 p.m. and the streets in the city

are now as quiet and free from noise

as they were twenty years ago.

The supply of kerosene is becoming

very low with no prospect of replace-

ment. For fishers this is disastrous

as along the coast they are using kero-

sene-driven motor boats. The country

population and the poor people in the

cities using kerosene for light and cook-

ing are hard hit, as every family is

only allowed two gallons a month.

The scarcity of fat is felt more and

more every day. The majority of the

population have been using margarine

instead of butter, but now that the

raw stuff for this product are not al-

lowed to be exported from the United

States the margarine production is re-

duced every week. Grocers have been

forced to put their customers on rati-

onies, nobody being more than a

round at once. Norway is facing a fat

shortage and the nation will have to

be rationed.

As for oil, the people are put on rati-

ons, except those who can take care

of themselves and afford to pay the

prices for coal and coke imported

from Great Britain.

Everybody asks, "why does not the

government entirely stop exports if

thereby more favorable importing con-

ditions can be established with the

Allies?" But no official answer is given.

INTER-ALLIED AGREEMENTS

(By Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 4.—The Foreign Office officially announced today that at the recent inter-allied conference that an agreement was reached "on the basis of a complete understanding and solidification among the allies of the solution of the questions in which they have a common interest." Also an agreement was reached to create a supreme inter-allied naval council.

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POLICY OF ISOLATING HOLLAND IS A BAD ONE

(By Associated Press)

The Hague, Netherlands, Dec. 4.—"I am quite sure the policy of America and Britain of isolating Holland is a bad one," declared Marie Willem Frederik Treub, Netherlands minister of finance. In discussing recently his country's position with the Correspondent of the Associated Press.

Minister Treub's criticism was based on the contention that the attitude of the two powers made the Netherlands dependent on Germany, with the result that she had to make all kinds of concessions to that country.

Moreover, he thought it had a most unfortunate effect on the nation's sympathies. At the outset of the war, these were, for the largest part, on the side of the Entente Allies, but, excepting perhaps France, pro-Allied feeling had since largely declined as a result of Allied measures. If a referendum on the subject could be taken today, he thought it would show a pretty equal division of sympathies between the Entente and the Central Powers. "Unless the present policy be changed," he added, "I am quite sure pro-Allied feeling will decline daily."

Discussing the question with Great Britain in respect to allowing Germany to take gravel and sand over Netherlands waterways to Belgium, which led the British government to withdraw financial and commercial telegraphic facilities from Holland, Mr. Treub declared: "Proof in such circumstances is always difficult, but if the Netherlands government only gets the impression that such sand and gravel is required for war purposes I am absolutely sure the traffic will be stopped."

As regards the question of the Netherlands ships that have so long been lying in American ports, the minister was hopeful that an arrangement might yet materialize, suggesting that it would be mutually acceptable, if, say, a third of their number was placed in the American-Netherlands East Indies service, a third placed at the disposal of the Belgian Relief Commission and a third permitted to ply between the United States and Holland.

FOOD SITUATION IN NORWAY IS GROWING WORSE

(By Associated Press)

Christiania, Dec. 4.—The food situation in Norway has grown bad to worse, especially since the American embargo was imposed. So long as the commercial relations could be maintained between Norway and the United States, the import of food was about big enough to meet the consumers' demand. Except for the steadily increasing prices of all articles of food everything could be bought as before, the only form of rationing being sugar, which could only be bought from government stores two pounds at a time.

As a matter of fact, the government and especially the food minister had been too optimistic. When cablegrams from Washington stated that the American government was going to place an embargo on different articles the answer from the Norwegian government to the press, asking how this would affect Norway, was that it only meant that Norway should guarantee that nothing would be re-exported to Germany, and then Norway would get all it needed.

At last, during the last two months it has dawned on the government that Uncle Sam means business and that Norway cannot expect special favors as a favorite friend.

After the importation of grain and flour stopped, the government established a grain monopoly taking charge of all grain imported and produced here. The farmers are not allowed to sell their crops to anyone but the government and at a fixed price. The nation will be put on flour or bread rations, every person, adult or child, being allowed 25 pounds of bread monthly, or 16 pounds of unsifted flour.

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(By Associated Press)

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tion of the high military council op-

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October 27 has given rise to much conjecture. The council consists of the aged Marshal Kawamura, Marshal Oki, and Marshal Terauchi.

The conference was of unusual length, and it was surprised that it was connected with three moot questions, China's request for an arms and munitions loan, the sending of Japanese troops to the war front and the organization of a new army corps. These guesses were denied by the authorities who simply state that plans have to be made to enable Japan to keep up with the general war situation and that nothing of an urgent nature was considered.

REAR ADM.

ROGERS DEAD

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 4.—Rear Admiral Charles Curtis Rogers, U. S. N., retired, died at a hospital here this evening. He was a native of Virginia and his last active command was as command of the Portsmouth Navy Yard. He retired in 1914. He served as executive officer on the Resolute and received medals for bravery at Santiago and at Manzano. He was the commandant of the naval station at Guantanamo from 1903 to 1910.

80 PASSENGERS LOST AT SEA

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Portsmouth, N. H., Wednesday, December 5, 1917.

Taking the War Seriously.

As the war goes on and its seriousness becomes better and more generally understood it is reassuring to find the government tightening the screws in places where such action has been found necessary to prevent slackening of any kind or character. The country has assumed a serious and prodigious undertaking and the time has come to face the facts and to bring the business of war down to a business basis.

A commendable step has been taken to prevent men of draft age from securing commissions in non-combatant branches of the army, and hereafter no man of draft age will receive such a commission unless it can be shown that he is clearly better fitted for the work to be done than any man beyond draft age who can be procured. There is a great deal of work in connection with the supply lines, transportation, construction, etc., that can be done by men beyond the draft age as well as by those subject to conscription, and the government has rightly decided that it will be better to fill those positions with men not eligible to service in the ranks, but who are perfectly capable of performing the duties required. This is business. It may be disappointing to some youngsters who are seeking safe places in the service, but it is a correct proceeding nevertheless and one that will strengthen the country in bearing its proper part of the war burden.

It is further to be noted that the machine organized for the building of a national army is to be strengthened and made more effective. Under a new ruling every police official in the country becomes a part of this machine, and the postal authorities are also to take an active part in helping to carry out the new regulations. The police will take into custody all men who fail to report for physical examination or who violate in any way any of the new rules and regulations, and for such violations the penalties will be severe. Any accepted man who fails to entrain for mobilization will be regarded as a deserter, and a reward of \$50 will be paid for his arrest and delivery at the camp where he belongs. The postal authorities will see that the questionnaires are properly delivered and returned. Room for mistakes in connection with the draft has been practically eliminated and from this time on there is to be no fooling.

This is as it should be. War is a serious business and must be taken seriously. It brings burdens to all classes of the community and these must be borne as cheerfully as possible. In most cases the burden must be borne as cheerfully as possible. In most cases the burden cannot be avoided, and in no case must avoidance be permitted.

This is no time for slackening. The country is at war. The music must be faced and the line must be toed. The civil and military authorities are awake to this solemn fact and are making their plans accordingly. The more rigorously the regulations are enforced and the more cheerfully they are accepted by the rank and file of all ages and conditions the sooner will be brought to the world a lasting and an honorable peace.

At the convention of the National Association of Tanners in Chicago it was said there is no justification for the high prices of shoes, there being leather enough for all needs. It was the opinion of the tanners that some of the fancy prices for shoes are charged simply because the dealers think they can get them. It is this sort of thing which is largely responsible for the cost of living.

By the resignation of James W. Pringle, Portsmouth loses one of the most capable and esteemed school superintendents it ever had. His going is regretted, and the best wishes of the people of the city go with him to his still more responsible position. The committee appointed to fill his place has an important duty to perform and may be trusted to act with judgment and caution.

Figures from New York show that the cost of Mayor Mitchel's campaign for re-election, which he failed to achieve, cost nearly half a million dollars. But of course Mr. Mitchel did not pay it all. The incident reminds us, if that were necessary, that politics has not yet been freed from the expenditure of money.

A young hunter was dangerously shot in the leg the other day near Saratoga, N. Y., by a companion who was examining his gun in a railroad station. The liability of coming in contact with young hunters examining loaded guns in railroad stations is not calculated to add to the pleasures of travel.

It is a little disappointing to receive from the Fuel Administration, which earlier in the season promised abundant coal at reasonable prices, instructions to scrimp to the utmost in the use of fuel as a means of tiding through what promises to be an uncomfortable winter.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

An Undivided Front
(William H. Taft in the Philadelphia Public Ledger)

We should be thankful that there is no division among our people in this war. Germany's contempt for the military power of the United States in this war is in part based on the millions of Americans of German birth or descent who, as she thought, would divide our people and paralyze our military offence. There have been conspiracies among Germans and Irish extremists of a treasonable character, prompted by Von Bernstorff and his minions; but their failure emphasizes the recognition by the great body of German-Americans of their allegiance to the country whose adopted citizens they are. With the conflict of emotions which discussion during three years of our neutrality aroused in their souls we should be considered in our treatment of them. That they have enlisted, that they have responded under the draft and that they have contributed to the Liberty Loans and to the Red Cross are circumstances which confirm our confidence in their loyalty.

Our people have been optimistic. They have hoped in vain that the war might be a short one. They have been slow in appreciating the seriousness of the struggle upon which we are entering. But the greater the difficulties that we encounter, the more trying the disasters that our allies suffer in the war, the more numerous the temporary defeats that we have to reckon with, the stronger becomes the determination of our people to see this war through, the greater their solidarity in the support of the Administration and the clearer the bulldog tenacity with which we are to fight the Hohenzollern to his knees.

Those Modest Germans
(From the New York Herald)

It is hoped that the few persons in this country who have manifested a tendency to fall for the Lansdowne-Junker pence will not miss the significance of the recently voiced demand of the Pan-Germanists that all the territorial gains of Germany, east and west, be held; also of the assertion of one of Saxony's statesmen that Germany will look to the United States for the gigantic indemnity it expects to be able to assess.

Our Cheerful Cousins
(From the Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph)

These must be dark days in England, despite occasional gleams of sunshine afforded by such successes as that of General Byng on the Western front, for the people are undergoing hardships of a kind that we in America have yet to experience. But the note of cheerfulness that prevails in the London newspapers and the weekly and monthly magazines is most inspiring. There is no more practical motto for this time than "Grim and bare it," and our English cousins seem to be proceeding on that excellent principle as they enter upon what it is to be hoped will be the last winter of the war. The latest issue of Punch is filled with jokes and pictures referring to the shortage of sugar. One drawing portrays a lodger who, having purchased a limited supply of loaf sugar for his immediate wants, proceeded to number each with a pencil. Taking an inventory of his collection of treasures, he finds "numbers 3, 11 and 16 missing," and is depicted calling his supposedly predatory landlady to account. Another illustration shows a boarding house patron employing the fire tongs to sift a lump of sugar from the bowl while the proprietress's view is hidden behind the folds of a newspaper. There are many allusions in lighter vein to the new order requiring householders to fill out application blanks for sugar. It is necessary to give the number of members of the family and the age and occupation of each. The price of butter, it would appear from some jocular references, is beyond the reach of any but the rich.

John Dill is able to extract some comfort however, from the reflection that he is better off than some of his neighbors. Persons returning from France and Italy are quoted in the British Weekly as expressing surprise at the well stocked butcher shops, the supply of white bread and the abundance of fuel for the homes of the poor. But they say France, in contrast to England, has plenty of sugar at present. The "smile" philosophy, so easy in theory, is difficult in practice. The English seem to be cultivating it to advantage, a fact which should have some influence on the folks down at Washington, where at times there appears to be real need for an official echorupodist.

"At the Point of Collapse"
(From the New York World)

The annual sacrifice to Germany's wealth before the war was placed by the best authorities at \$2,000,000,000, and here is already an annual interest charge approximating \$1,500,000,000, with more credits and loans pending and taxes alleged to correspond. President Haussman of the Reichshank was quoted a year ago as saying that when the empire's interest charge equaled its annual wealth increment it "would be at the point of collapse." Is that his opinion now?

"Level-Headedness" Needed
(From the Albany Journal)

They ought to be an end of the

proclamation of existing or imminent shortage of necessary commodities, and a concentration of silent effort to stimulate production and distribution.

What this nation needs above all things in this critical time is level-headedness. It cannot have that if there is continuance of proclamations designed to impress upon the people that within the first year of our participation in the war the problem of existence has already become difficult.

THE HERALD HEARS

That a Deer street woman has some pet cat and the feline is trained some. That the latest thing pussy has taken to is smelling salts.

That if all the railroad rumors are true on curtailment, the famous "axe train" will start on the rounds again.

That the promised merchant marine training ship for Portsmouth appears to have been sidetracked somewhere.

That candidate in Ward One for the city council says he has the backing of the Vaughan Street Fishing Club.

That this famous club has not dipped into politics before, but had dipped into several other things.

That the bowling fever has hit the plant of the Rockingham County Light and Power Co.

That one of the teams is being coached by a crack bowler from Salisbury.

That the Salisbury artist says his team will make all the others look like a lot of pack peddlers.

That the increase of pay in the police department will make it easy to get some live applicants for the police.

That already there are a few on the list who would make good officers.

That the waiting list does not carry any female applicant for one of the jobs.

That we cannot get much heat out of promised coal.

That Robert Ballard, recently appointed first Lieutenant in the Reserve Corps of the Army, reported in Washington today for active duty in the regulars.

That the report of the wholesale cancellation of trains on the Boston and Maine has started the trainmen guessing.

That if the local fishermen are as busy at Great Bay this winter as they were last month on the docks, they should not mind the high cost of living.

That the city drivers on a strike at Newburyport have succeeded in getting part of what they asked for.

NAVY NOTES

Coming Hero as Aid

Commander A. C. Ahny will shortly report at the Portsmouth navy yard as aide to the commandant, relieving Commander Ridgely who will be detached. Commander Ahny resides in Washington and is on the retired list.

Short Vacation

John Mundy, a machinist in the Industrial Department, is on a short vacation which he is spending in Biddeford.

Home for Few Days

Chief Boatswain's Mate William Wurm, now attached to one of the navy transports is passing a furlough at his home in Kittery.

Fifty-Nine in All

A call for 53 more men was made by the Industrial Department at the local yard on Tuesday. The list included 25 general helpers, 6 machinists, 1 boat builder, 2 boilermakers, 2 chippers and caulkers, 10 machinists, 7 moulderers. Today 2 joiners and 4 patternmakers were required.

Back for Few Weeks

Thomas F. Durkin, government metal expert, arrived at the local yard today where he will remain for two weeks on matters connected with the station smelting plant.

Nashua Firm Doing the Work

The Davis Watson Manufacturing Company of Nashua has been awarded a contract to erect four steel storehouses at the Charlestown yard at a cost of \$6000. Work on two has already started.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Portsmouth and vicinity—Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday; gentle north-west winds.

Sun Rises..... 6:58
Sun Sets..... 4:12
Length of Day..... 9:14
High Blues..... 3:47 am, 4:01 pm
Moon Rises..... 11:10 pm
Light Automobile Lamp..... 4:42 pm

PERSONALS

Mrs. Wallace Lear is the guest of Mrs. A. C. Lunt of Beverly.

Samuel T. Drew of Quincy passed Sunday with his son and family here.

R. J. Flatherly of the ship-building employees is suffering with an injury to his right foot.

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DIPLOMATS

ACTED WITHOUT PERMISSION

(By Associated Press)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5—it was declared at the state department today that Lieut. Col. Judson, head of the American military mission in Russia, and Major M. C. Kerth, temporary military attaché at the American embassy acted, without instructions from the United States government in presenting communication to the Bolsheviks concerning the attitude of the United States in the effort to effect separate peace and an armistice with Germany.

Major Kerth's communication was in the form of a protest to the commander-in-chief of Russia against armistices with Colonel Judson's communication was couched in more lenient terms.

The state department has received no dispatches from Russia today.

It has been previously announced that the attitude of the United States towards a Bolshevik armistice was one of tolerance, hoping to preserve progress made towards democracy in Russia rather than to throw the country back into the hands of autocracy by drastic action.

HEART TO HEART TALK BETWEEN CIVIL WAR VETS

The following letter from General Julian S. Carr, a distinguished Confederate soldier, to Col. Darwin C. Pavey, is of particular interest to G. A. R. men and all others for it shows the old warlike feeling still exists in the hearts of all the Civil war veterans:

December 1, 1917.

Col. Darwin C. Pavey,
Auditor's Department,
State House,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Col. Pavey:

I have the extreme good pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your very dear letter of November 28th. I am greatly distressed to hear of the illness of your dear good wife, and I trust that before this reaches you she will have been relieved of her suffering, and you of your anxiety concerning her.

I reached home Tuesday, the 27th, I was hardly well enough to risk the trip but I have improved continuously since reaching home, and hope to be myself again entirely in the course of a week.

I enjoyed very much your good letter relating the history of Kinsley Post, No. 113. I never cease to regret my severe illness prevented my attending the banquet, as I had anticipated, and respond to the toast, "The United States of America." I would have been delighted to have handed to the members of the Kinsley Post a red hot Southern speech on this glorious Union, and I trust it is only a pleasure deferred, and that I may yet have the pleasure of addressing you and your dear comrades in response to the toast, "The U. S. of A." If I do say it myself, I believe I had a pretty good talk for the occasion.

I would give me great pleasure to meet Captain Frank E. Orcutt and shake his kindly hand and express my admiration for the boys in blue and for their brave and manly conduct from '61 to '65 and the respect they have shown to the men who were the gray since the cessation of our late unpleasantness. I would love also to have the delightful pleasure of meeting Conrado Weston, and looking into his honest face and giving him the glad hand of a warm-hearted Southerner. Some of these days if the fates are kind to me, I expect to enjoy these privileges.

I had a very delightful Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey and a whole lot of good things on the side, and nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have enjoyed it with my friends who wore the blue.

You know I have been in Washington serving upon the staff of Mr. Hoover. It came to my knowledge just before I left Washington that the grand-daughter of General U. S. Grant was clerking in the same department in which I was serving, and that she had a dependent mother, Mrs. Dent. The last net that I was guilty of, and one that I bear in mind with a great deal of pride, was to approach Mr. Osborn, who has in his hands largely the fixing of salaries, and request of him as a personal favor to me, an old Confederate soldier that the young lady be advanced and her salary be increased, and I had his promise that it would be done. I appealed to him as a Confederate soldier and a great admirer of the Federal general who was so generous to the Confederates at Appomattox.

I promised him that when my request was granted I would report it to my desired kind can be obtained.

MAY SUSPEND SOME R. R. LAWS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress was told today in a report of the Interstate Commerce Commission to effect the unification of railroad resources for the war that anti-trust and anti-pooling laws should be suspended.

The commission directed the railroads to receive a government loan and stated that the issue of railroad securities should be vested in some special body.

TO ROUND UP FRENCH SLACKERS

Paris, Dec. 5.—One of the decisions taken yesterday by the cabinet was aimed directly against slackers dodging active service. It declares that no men mobilized for the army shall be admitted to or retained in the offices of ministers or under secretaries.

WOULD TAKE BROWN SUGAR

Not a few of the people of this city who have been low on sugar would be thankful to Mr. Hoover or to the Confederates at Appomattox. I promised him that when my request was granted I would report it to my desired kind can be obtained.

PROTESTING TO THE GOVERNMENT

Competing With Private Business in Employment of Labor Serious--Washington Business Men Protest--Local People Affected

The government interference with business in Washington and where there are naval stations and navy yards has called forth much criticism. Here is what the Washington Times says:

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CANADIAN POTATOES FORCE DOWN PRICES

(By Associated Press) — A cargo of about 1,350 bushels, Boston, Dec. 4.—A cargo of 5,325 bushels, thus far, this season, but a small quantity of Canadian potatoes have been placed on sale by the local market. Prices are \$2.50 to \$2.60 a 100 pounds—however, that other cargoes will arrive—which would give the jobbing market a price of about \$1.35 a bushel.

Rev. Joseph F. Creedon of Lincoln, owner and driver of the car which crashed through the bridge, sued for \$5,000 for personal injuries to himself and car. Rev. Michael R. Griffin of Exeter and Mary Hurley of York are to pass the winter here occupying the Moore home on Newmarket road.

Rev. Herbert A. Hennion of East Jaffrey, administrator of the estate of John and Mary Crowe, who were drowned, sued for the sum of \$10,000 in each case.

The plaintiffs allege that the bridge was defective and being under repair was not properly protected by warning signs or otherwise. The papers are returnable in the January term of the supreme judicial court at Saco.

Paged, Bartlett and Mitchell and Arthur Sewell represent the plaintiffs. The papers were served on Selectmen James Walker by Deputy Sheriff James Boardman. A similar writ will also be served on the county commissioners.

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Consolidation Coal Co. to Mary L. Garland, land, Lafayette road.

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PROPERTY BOUGHT AND SOLD DURING THE PAST MONTH

Several Transfers Recorded at the Assessing Department for November.

The following local real estate transfers were recorded by the board of assessors during the month of November:

Sarah A. Philbrick to Standard Oil Co., three tenement house, Nobles Island.

William C. Philbrick to Nathan A. Whately, buildings and land, Mark street.

James S. Walley to Florrie W. Graffam, buildings and land, Cass street.

Amelia B. Walley to Florrie W. Graffam, buildings and land, Cass street.

Florrie W. Graffam to Jacob B. Miller, buildings and land, Cass and Allen streets.

Winfred S. Garland to Edith M. W. Ewald, 100 feet land, Lafayette road.

Mary L. Garland to Edith M. W. Ewald, 25 feet land, Lafayette road.

Josiah and Amy V. Bartlett to Gladys C. Warren, house and land, Wilburd avenue.

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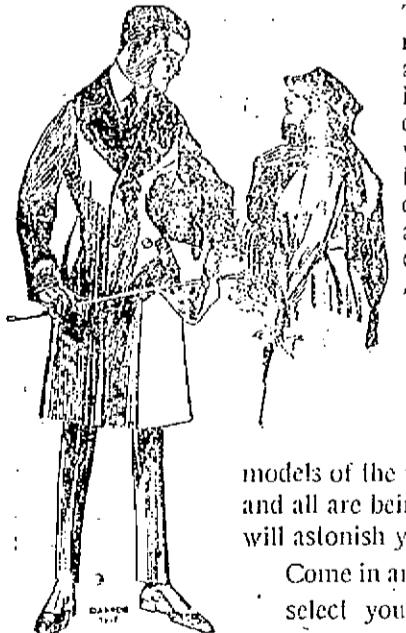
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Pictures—House Peters in "Heir to the Ages," Keystone Comedy, Pathé Weekly

here today and six Republican councilmen so that the next council will be Republicans 17, Democrats 1.

SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE TOWN OF KITTERY

\$35,000 Asked for Injuries and Deaths Occurring at Spruce Creek Bridge, July 11, 1917.

Suit was instituted on Tuesday against the town of Kittery by the several parties connected with the automobile accident at the Spruce Creek bridge on the Post road, Kittery, on the afternoon of July 11, 1917, in which accident John and Mary Crowe of East Jaffrey lost their lives and three other passengers of the car were injured.

The aggregate sum for the injuries and deaths, asked by the plaintiffs, is \$35,000. Rev. Joseph F. Creedon of Lincoln, owner and driver of the car which crashed through the bridge, sued for \$5,000 for personal injuries to himself and car. Rev. Michael R. Griffin of Exeter and Mary Hurley of York are to pass the winter here occupying the Moore home on Newmarket road.

Harold Call of Park street is related to his home by illness.

Mrs. Mary Ryan of High street is ill at the Portsmouth hospital.

Mrs. Katherine Keets of High street is in Boston today on business.

Manager George Q. Pattee of The Rockingham passed the day in Boston.

Miss Marie Philbrick of Middle Street is restricted to her home with a badly sprained ankle.

Mrs. George S. Hewins, Mrs. F. A. Jones and Mrs. M. L. Dillard passed the day in Boston.

Dannoch, the celebrated organist, is to visit Portsmouth this week to officiate at the Coming-Blaine nuptials.

William Dinsmore and family of York are to pass the winter here occupying the Moore home on Newmarket road.

Miss Elsie Johnson, a popular nurse at the Portsmouth hospital is ill with scarlet fever and she is being cared for at Sagamore hospital.

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Anthracite, broken \$10.25

Egg 10.75

Stove 11.00

Nut 11.00

Pen 12.25

Bouquets and Briquettes 10.00

Bituminous 10.90

Three important details are responsible for the boost in prices over the figures of the last schedule, which went into effect October 17. The government has boosted the price of coal 50 cents per ton in three months, making an increase of the same rate to the dealers and then to the ultimate consumer. This government measure went into effect December 1. An increase of 11 cents per ton tax has also been declared since the last schedule went into effect. The other 29 cents on each ton is paid to the dealers to secure premium coal for the consumers of Manchester. The administration is still able to secure fine or inferior coal at the old price and give it to the people at a reduction of 29 cents per ton on the coming price, but by so doing they can secure but a limited supply and an acute shortage of coal might result. By securing the premium of independent coal they are assured of getting a continuous supply for the winter and with this end in view secured the independent variety. This is not a plan on the part of the commission to please the dealers but a well-laid plan which in the end will prove a source of much benefit to the consumers.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Jennie F. Leary

Mrs. Jennie F. Leary, wife of John Leary, died at an early hour this morning after a short illness. Besides her husband she leaves a mother in Ireland; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Jenness, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jenness of Rye Beach. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James W. Flagg, pastor of the Congregational church, the double ring service being used. The bride was given away by her father. They were attended by Maurice Jenness of Boston, brother of the groom, as best man, and Miss Louise Rand of Rye as maid of honor. The wedding march was played by Miss Doris Walker, sister of the bride.

The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl necklace, and to the best man a gold cuff links. The bride's gift to the groom was a gold watch chain and to the maid of honor a pendant.

They had many pretty and useful gifts.

After a short wedding trip they will reside at Rye Center. The young couple have a host of friends who wish them a long life of happiness.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all for the manifestations of sympathy in our recent bereavement, also for the floral tributes.

MRS. JAMES F. GRIFFIN AND FAMILY.

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Pillow, "Mother"—Wife.

Pillow and Crescent—Portsmouth Brewing Company.

Mound—Mrs. Patrick O'Leary.

Cross, Div. No. 2, A. O. H.

Flat bouquet—Mr. and Miss Entwistle.

Bouquet—Mr. Eben Blasdel.

Bouquet of white chrysanthemums—Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Burke.

Bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Miskell and family.

Bouquet of pink chrysanthemums—P. J. Duffy.

Sprays of pinks—Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Foley.

Spiritual bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. Jere Crowley.

Spiritual bouquet—Miss Susan McKeena.

Mrs. James F. Griffin and family.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to all who so lovingly extended their sympathy, also to those who sent the beautiful flowers and to all who in any way helped to lighten our great sorrow.

Mrs. James F. Griffin and family.

NOTICE

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Universalist church will hold a supper Thursday evening, December 6 at 5:30 p. m. Price 25 cents.

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GREAT NEED TO CONSERVE YOUR COAL

State Fuel Administrator Floyd Meets With Local Board. No Immediate Shortage but Economy Must be Used

A meeting of the Fuel Administrator for the Portsmouth District was held on Tuesday, with State Fuel Administrator Ex-Gov. Charles M. Floyd, who came here for the meeting.

With ex-Gov. Floyd they made a tour of the local yards and made a survey of what coal there is on hand, looking to future accommodations for the people of this district. They found that while there was enough coal for immediate needs there was not enough to carry through the winter and are satisfied that the utmost economy must be used by everybody.

The local Board, who are, Chairman H. C. Taylor, T. W. Lay and W. J. Carter, are confident that there is no need for people to become alarmed, but at the same time Chairman Taylor said that there was great need of everybody using as little coal as they possibly can get along with. He urges the people wherever it is possible to use wood and said that while they had strong hopes that they would be able to secure enough coal so that the local dealers could keep the people of this city supplied, the people must be satisfied with small lots and not demand impossible things of the local dealers who are doing everything they can to keep the people supplied.

Col. Taylor said that many of the small towns had no coal at all and were depending entirely on wood, but Portsmouth as a whole had been well cared for and he hoped that this would continue through the winter.

State Administrator Floyd while

FLOOD LOSSES AMOUNT TO TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS

Tientsin, China, Dec. 3.—Two hundred million dollars is the estimated amount of the actual property loss from the great floods which have swept over north China within the last two months and finally engulfed this city in an inland sea which now threatens to remain at a standstill and work further damage by freezing.

Chinese government railways have already expended several million dollars in repairing damages. The Pei-king-Hankow railway is now able to handle through business between the two cities by a ferry across the river.

The railway connecting Tientsin and Shanghai suffered less loss than the Hankow railway, but the first 30 miles of the line south of Tientsin is entirely under water and there is

no likelihood that through traffic can be resumed for months.

Tientsin with its one million inhabitants, a great majority of them are coolies depending upon export trade for employment faces a terrible crisis. In addition to the resident population this city has also become the refuge center for a great population which fled here from the inundated rural sections of North China. More than 50,000 refugees from outside points have already applied for assistance.

The American Red Cross has appropriated \$60,000 for immediate relief work and the American troops in Tientsin under command of Col. Sigerfoos, are in charge of a model camp which will accommodate 6000 refugees. This camp was built in a few days under the direction of Roger S.

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NORWAY LOSES MANY SHIPS

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 4.—The Norwegian admiralty has announced that 13 ships of an aggregate tonnage of 19,000 were lost during the month of November from war causes and 81 lives lost.

It is interesting to note that in similar area of any ocean, if suddenly stripped of its volume of water, would expose to human gaze a larger number of sunken ships or more vulnerable cargoes than lie at the bottom.

A record kept between the years 1878 and 1893 reveals the startling fact that in that

Greene, the director in China of the Rockefeller Foundation. It consists of 1000 model one-room huts, each of which is capable of housing a family of five. Relief camps have been hastily constructed in various dry sections of the city but most of these can be used only temporarily. A general relief committee representing persons of all nationalities, and various religious and philanthropic organizations is trying to co-ordinate the relief work.

The Chinese government set aside \$200,000 for the relief of immediate needs and further amounts were then promised. The Tientsin municipality also is appropriating money to feed the relief.

Through private enterprise small sections of Tientsin are being dyed with sandbars and being pumped out. This is true of the best residential sections in the heart of the city. But a majority of the city lies under water varying in depth from two to ten feet and thousands of boats are operating through the streets on the regular schedule and serving the beleaguered householders who are now clinging to their homes.

DIPLOMATIC ROW INFLUENCES RUSSIAN ARMY

London, Dec. 4.—The split between Trenitov Kervensky and General Korniloff has had a great influence on the Russian army, as troops who favored Korniloff have, in most cases, been sent in disgrace to the rear, whereby excellent fighting men have been lost to Russia, says Professor A. Belitch of Belgrade University who has just arrived from Petrograd. In every case the artillery, and almost always the cavalry, are excellent, but the infantry cannot be relied upon. The revolution has not created a sufficient sense of comradeship between officers and men, and there are too many different factions, many officers and men openly wearing the Monarchical colors. "In spite of those things, no one can fail to be impressed by the intense determination to win the war, both in the army and at home. In several cases the soldiers are given nothing for weeks at a time but bread and a very small ration of fish. The lack of proper food distribution is one of the greatest enemies of the revolution.

"When the government proposes to tax an article, the shopkeepers refuse to sell it so that the people in despair beg the government to rescind the tax."

TRIAL OF MRS. VARNEY UNDER WAY

(By Associated Press)
Dedham, Mass., Dec. 4.—Circumstantial evidence so overwhelmingly convincing will be presented to the jury in the case of Mrs. Harriet A. Varney on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Pauline Keyes, the wife of George Keyes of Brooklyn. The state case as outlined to the jury by District Attorney W. E. Kane and his son said that Keyes and the Varney woman had lived for sometime as man and wife and that she had claimed that he promised to marry her.

BASE BALL PROBLEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—Club owners of the National and American baseball leagues will meet here on Dec. 13 to define a policy for the base ball season under war conditions. President Augustus Herman, Chairman of the National Council called the meeting and it will consider among other things, slushing the playing list to 18, a scheme for collecting the war tax and the cutting of the training season to three weeks and possibly a cutting of the schedule.

NO LICENSE WIN FOUR CITIES IN MASS.

(By Associated Press)

License forces won a decided victory in the city elections in New England yesterday swinging four cities from the dry to the wet column. Fall River, Haverhill, Fitchburg and Taunton, changed from the "dry" to the "wets" and Leominster which has been no license 15 out of 20 years, came within thirteen votes of winging in the "wets" and a recount will be demanded. Springfield where a remarkable fight was made by the no license people, remained wet by 2656 and other no license minorities were materially reduced.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 4.—Springfield stayed "wet" today after a sharp battle by 2555 votes.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 4.—John D. Ryan was elected over Mayor White today by 1400 votes. The city remained in the license column, yes 4578 to no 3333.

Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 4.—Fitchburg went back to the license column today although Major General Hodges of Camp Devens came out openly for a no-license city, it being his expressed wish not to have any saloons within twenty miles of the camp.

Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 4.—This city went into the license column today. As it is the nearest large city to New Hampshire, which goes prohibition after May first next, a great fight was made by both sides but the license forces won out.

AUSTRIANS TO BE ARRESTED AT ONCE

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 4.—Scores of Austrian and Hungarian subjects will be arrested within a few hours after war is actually declared between these countries and the United States. They have been under surveillance for some time and have been engaged in carrying on German war work.

Nearly a million Austrians will become amenable to the ruling of the President, that all alien enemy must register with the local authorities, must not travel without permission and must not enter the barred zones about water fronts.

INLAND SEA HAS ITS GHOST SHIP

Some day the great lakes are going to contribute a glorious page to the literature of America. Until now they have been unhonored and unsung except in some isolated cases, where the poet or the romancer has sought his audience in vain. All of the romance of the sea is not contained in the Atlantic or the Pacific. The great lakes are rich in romance. History and legend have joined hands to weave a thrilling narrative around this enchanted country. Indian tradition clusters thick about it. Three nations struggled for domination over the lake country and today the flags of three nations, England, France and the United States are joined in a war against a common enemy. Innumerable ship wrecks have contributed their black pages to the story of the inland seas. The thrill of storm at sea, the struggle with the elements in the blackness of a Lake Superior night, of glorious victory or brave defeat remains to be recorded fittingly.

What chronicle contains a more fascinating record than the narrative of the voyage of exploration made by Reno Cavellier de la Salle in his good ship the Griffin, the first sailing vessel to venture forth on the great lakes. In 1673 that ship, captained by the intrepid French soldier of fortune and manned by a merry crew of voyageurs, with several Jesuit missionaries, sailed the length of Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron on a voyage of adventure and discovery. The Griffin was lost on its return voyage. La Salle who had remained in the north country, never heard of it again. The first mystery of the great lakes had been recorded. Countless others were to follow it, for the great lakes hold their grim record of tragedies.

It is interesting to note that in similar area of any ocean, if suddenly stripped of its volume of water, would expose to human gaze a larger number of sunken ships or more vulnerable cargoes than lie at the bottom.

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period, 5998 ships were wrecked on the great lakes and 1093 of these were total losses. The loss of cargo during the score of years was nearly \$8,000,000.

Some of these vessels disappeared almost as mysteriously as did the Griffin in the brave old days of exploration. They were never heard from again. No wreckage floated to the shore. The great lakes hid well their secrets. Navigators of the northern lakes insist that there are portions of Lake Superior where it is impossible to find the bottom. The superstition is that some ships that have gone down at sea are held forever in the unfathomable pit beneath the water.

Like the sailors of the salt seas the men who navigate the inland waters are a superstitious lot. Almost every wreck that marks the history of the lake is the inspiration of some weird, fantastic story that by frequent repetition assumes the dignity of truth in the sailor's ready mind. One such superstition that is firmly rooted in the minds of all great lakes navigators concerns the mysterious wreck of the Bannockburn.

She was a big, powerful freighter carrying a crew of 22 men. She cleared Dutch on a day in the late fall. What happened to her will never be known. She went out in the morning and was last sighted the next evening. That was the end. Not one of the crew was ever found. For more than a year the chill waters of Lake Superior guarded well their secret. Then one day an ear was found floating along the driftwood of the bleak north shore. A piece of tarpaulin was wrapped securely around it, and when this was removed it was found that the word Bannockburn was scrawled into the wood. The ear is all that remains today to tell the story of the missing freighter.

According to the queer twist given in the story by the sailors of the inland seas, the Bannockburn is supposed to be the Flying Dutchman of the great lakes. Sometimes at night when the chill north wind sweeps across the swollen bosoms of Lake Superior and the stinging "ice devils" fill the air, the lookout on some lonely points calls loudly to his companion and points to where he imagines the Bannockburn, all white with ice and ghostly in the darkness, is slipping through the black mystery of the lake.

The history of the great lakes is punctuated with thrilling narratives such as this. There are brighter chapters that tell of heroic rescues made by dint of dauntless courage and super-human effort.

DROP IN SUGAR IS PROMISED

Boston, Dec. 4.—Following the refining of the first of the 9,000,000-pound shipment of sugar which arrived here last week, the wholesale price dropped 20 cents on 100 barrels today. Prices quoted today are a drop from \$8.25 to \$8.15 on 100-barrel lots.

Upon receipt of these figures, the wholesale grocers dropped their prices to retailers, from \$8.50 to \$8.40 for purchases in like quantities. The smaller grocers are hardly likely to be benefited to any great extent by the reduction, inasmuch as few among them place orders for 100 barrels. Consumers, therefore, probably will not feel the effect of the slight reduction.

According to the explanation offered today, the reduction was brought about by the food administration measure, which resulted in the lowering of the price of Cuban raw sugar, the reduction being affected all along the line.

There were no receipts of raw sugar here today.

BIG RUSH TO RECRUIT

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 4.—Recruits for the regular army have greatly increased during the past week, 2934 were accepted making 271,562 volunteers who have enlisted since the war began. The weekly average has not been over a thousand. Last week Penn led with 477, Massachusetts second with 437.

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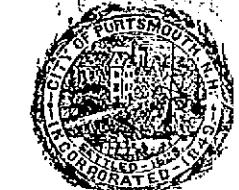
WASTED AT CAMP DEVENS

(By Associated Press)

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 4.—Bread and other food stuff is being wasted at Camp Devens according to Major John R. Musgrave camp quartermaster, who today gave a list of battalions and companies who have been guilty of this offense that the department will not countenance.

Wood chopping parties may be popular before the winter is over.

NOTICE


Registrars of Voters of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The Board of Registrars will be in session at City Hall on the following dates: Tuesday, Nov. 27; Tuesday, Dec. 4; and Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1917, from 9 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m., to prepare the check lists to be used at the coming election, Dec. 11, 1917. Also on election day from 8 to 12 a. m. for the purpose of granting certificates to those legal voters whose names have been omitted from the list.

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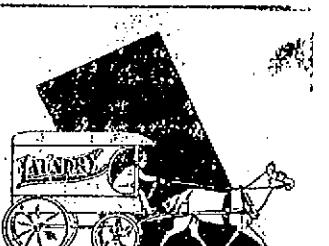
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Rochester, Dec. 4.—Miss Annie Wallace, Chairman of the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. in this state, announces that a state wide organization has been perfected to secure New Hampshire's quota of \$15,000. The National drive is for \$4,000,000 and New England scheduled to subscribe \$200,000.

Mrs. Charles C. Goss of Dover, N. H., has been named as state treasurer, and in counties where there are no local organizations, Miss Wallace urges that subscriptions be sent direct to Mrs. Goss. The County Chairmen announced by Miss Wallace are: Belknap County, Miss Alice S. Harrington, Laconia; Cheshire County, Miss Julia H. Faulkner, Keene; Coos County, Mrs. Orton H. Brown, Berlin; Grafton County, Mrs. Frank Harrison, Lebanon; Hillsboro County, Mrs. J. Walter Johnson, Manchester; Merrimac County, Miss Grace Woodworth, Concord; Rockingham County, Miss Martha S. Kimball, Portsmouth; Strafford County, Miss Elizabeth Sawyer, Dover. Chairmen of Sullivan and Carroll County will be announced later. In each county there will be local organizations.

Miss Dorothy Smith who is a field worker for the Y. W. C. A. at the military encampments at Niagara Falls and Chickamauga Park, Chattanooga, has been sent to New Hampshire to direct the work of the campaign. Miss Smith is one of the most efficient workers in the war work council and will travel through the state assisting the organization work and making known the definite program that the Y. W. C. A. has mapped out for women in war work. At a meeting in Rochester today she told how the \$1,000,000 that is to be raised will be spent.

"Fifty-five hostess houses similar to the one that was opened at Camp Devens will be built and operated in military cantonments at the cost of \$500,000. All military authorities agree that the hostess house does much to build up the spirit of the soldier as well as offering a comfortable, decent place for him to meet his wife, or sweetheart or mother." Reports are coming in from every big industrial centre where munitions are being manufactured that thousands of girls are pouring into these communities attracted by the big wages. There is no adequate housing for them and they are living under the most shocking con-

ditions and unless decent places to live in are provided there will be a wide spread lowering of the standards of living. The War Work Council plans to build ten hostess boarding houses, with cafeterias, rest rooms and arrange for wholesome recreation for these girls. The plan is to build ten of these at the expense of \$500,000 to demonstrate to great employers of labor the conditions under which these girls should live.

"Twenty thousand Red Cross nurses will soon be in France. Many of these now there are working for three weeks on unrelieved duty in indicated shacks that are bitterly cold in winter.

When such demands are made upon the strength of women, it is most necessary that some place be provided for them where they can get away from the horror of war for a brief rest for mind and body. The War Work Council will provide rest houses and recreation for these noble women and are sending to France scores of expert women to manage them. A million dollars is needed for work in France."

"CORN TO RULE
FOOD PRICES

New York, Dec. 4.—Lower prices in meat, milk and other commodities as a result of the enormous crop of corn which is expected will be distributed through the country by Jan. 15, was forecast by Federal Food Administrator Hoover in a statement last night. He declared that this extraordinary crop is "the certain economic remedy for high prices."

Mr. Hoover attended several conferences at which the food situation was discussed with Federal and State officials. Plans to appoint food administrators in every city and county of New York state were formulated at one of these gatherings.

Price Will be Reasonable

Mr. Hoover later issued a statement in which he outlined what immediate relief consumers of the country might expect. The statement said:

"The real fundamental and economic relief is the coming of the corn crop, the greatest crop we have known. In many years, it is now practically four weeks behind time, due to many causes I expect that by Jan. 15 this great crop will have been started on the way to the consumers through various channels.

"This crop is not only plentiful, but will be sold at a reasonable price. The cost of corn is dropping every day. In proportion to the cheapness of corn to the farmers we shall have reflected lower prices of such commodities as milk and meat. One of the delays in the movement of the corn crop has been the shortage of ears.

Corn Half the Nation's Food

"Corn is really one-half of our food and this year crops of approximately 3,260,000,000 bushels is the certain economic remedy for high prices."

As to the regulation of prices of all commodities by the Government, Mr. Hoover said that either prices must be regulated or there must be a continuous wage increase and added:

"In other words, wages must ascend, according to the prices of the necessities of life. I mean by that that the high cost of living must stop, or we must have a continuous ascending wage scale. A continuous increase in wages, usually undermines national efficiency, and of the two evils it is evident that we must make an effort to regulate the prices."

Food Problem One of Surplus

Mr. Hoover said that never in the history of the United States had corn commanded a price higher than wheat this year. When wheat was selling at \$2 a bushel a short time ago corn was \$2.50. This unprecedented price, he declared, accounted for our shortage in hog. There are between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000 fewer hogs in the country this year than last, he said.

Milk producers, Mr. Hoover added, will be more approachable on the subject of lowering their prices when they

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ditions and unless decent places to live in are provided there will be a wide spread lowering of the standards of living. The War Work Council

"There is plenty of food in the country," Mr. Hoover continued. "In fact the food problem is one of surplus, not deficit. It is a question of how much we can send to our allies. We are short on some things, such as pork and wheat. We have already exported every bushel of our surplus wheat. I suppose we have exported between 60,000,000 and 70,000,000 bushels. We are now using twenty per cent less wheat than normally. Although the farmer is getting \$2 a bushel for his wheat the price of flour today is less than a year ago."

**MAY FORCE A
NAVAL OFFENSE**

Washington, Dec. 4.—The British fleet is being gradually forced in the matter of a more aggressive naval offensive policy.

Despite the opposition of Admiral Benson, chief of operations, subtle pressure is being exerted which, it is believed, will eventually cause Great Britain to depart from her defensive program.

Prominent government officials informed the United Press today there is reason to believe the growing sentiment in the American army and navy for offensive measures to supplement the terrible land drives, is having its effect. While the present plan of keeping the seas with destroyers and keeping the British battle fleet intact cannot be immediately changed, the coming year will probably see a shift that may have a vital effect on the allied war fortunes.

While Admiral Benson believes a naval offensive is doomed to failure, younger officers insist unless naval power is tested, the bloody see-saw and will go on almost indefinitely, whereas a single bold stroke by the British, French and American navies might be the knockout punch for Germany.

Yield to U. S. Pressure

What its advocates most fear is that the British, yielding to American pressure, will go at the task half heartedly. No half-way measures should be attempted, they say, for that would be worse than avoiding a test.

Meantime the navy is swamped with submarine-curing inventions. Officials declared today that gradually a method of checking the U-boats is being evolved and that, with this expected cure, the naval offensive can be more safely tried.

A START IN BLUE TRIANGLE

A beginning was made yesterday on Portsmouth's part in the Blue Triangle war fund to provide proper housing and care for girls employed at camps or in war industries, to construct hostess houses where the friends of soldiers may find entertainment and to provide places of rest and recreation for the splendid body of American nurses now serving at the base hospitals in France. This is one of the ways in which the United States is making a determined and magnificent struggle to win the war by protecting its womanhood and its manhood.

Contributions may be left with E. Curtis Matthews, Flescaqua Savings Bank or with Mrs. L. H. Thayer, 664 State street. No gift can be too little—or too big!

RUMOR LENINE MAY RELEASE TEUTON PRISONERS

Negotiations for the release of all German and Austro-Hungarian prisoners in Russia are being concluded, and they will soon be ordered released by the Bolshevik premier, Lenin, according to the newspaper *Vedomosti*, the Boston News Bureau learns.

Foreign Minister Trotzky has ordered the release of all Russian diplomatic and consular representatives in foreign countries that fail to recognize the Bolsheviks as legal central government of Russia.

NO SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT FOR BRITISH WORKERS

London, Dec. 4.—British workmen are not going to submit to scientific management imported from America or elsewhere," declared the Archbishop of York in a democratic speech on the labor question he delivered the other day in the House of Lords. "They regard it as 'Truststanding' industry and they will resist it," said the Archbishop.

He declared that it was surprising there had been so little interest among British workmen and declared that their higher wages had been more or less neutralized by higher prices which they believed to be due to profiteering. They also had been harassed and harassed, he said, by the confusion of recruiting and medical examination orders and by the suspension of trade union regulations. Yet vast numbers of them from overburdened houses in towns had come forward with the greatest readiness to the help of the country.

BOWLING

The first game in the Firemen's Bowling League at Hogan's alleys was held on Tuesday evening, when the Col. Sise team defeated the Sagamore Engine Co., by 45 pins. Kelley was high man in both three strings and single string, with 111 for the latter.

The score:

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Cox	93 81 70-244
Chandler	75 87 75-240
Walneee	91 81 71-246
P. Hersey	86 85 86-257
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Leary	60 73 75-216
Regan	62 78 71-211
Penderghast	51 66 67-214
Kelley	111 84 86-234
	406 333 377 1176

MUST DELIVER QUESTIONNAIRES.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Postmasters throughout the United States have been instructed to make every effort to insure the delivery of registrants for military service of the 9,000,000 questionnaires which will be mailed by the local exemption boards beginning Dec. 15.

In an order issued today by the Post Office Department postmasters are informed that in case of non-delivery of the questionnaires placed in their hands return must be made to the local exemption board with the postmaster's endorsement stating the reason for non-delivery.

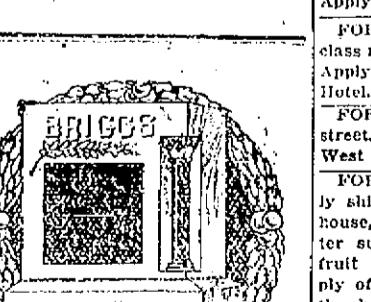
"In no instance," says the order, "must these letters be returned to Washington or sent to the dead letter office."

A FIRE ANNIVERSARY

37 years ago this morning the Kearns Mill was destroyed by fire with the loss of one life, that of James Greenwood. Nathan Woods and James Warburton were severely burned. There was two feet of snow which fell through the night which delayed the fire apparatus.

Will Arrange 100 L. W. W.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—More than one hundred members of the Industrial Workers of the World arrested in a country-wide raid last September and later indicted here on charges of violating the espionage act, will be arraigned Dec. 15 in the United States District Court. It was announced to-day.



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North Church, Sunday, 7.30 P. M.

Speaker—PRESIDENT J. D. BROWNELL, of Northland College.

Subject—"Splinters from the Northland—Hickory not Basswood."

PYTHIANS HOLD BIG MEETING

lodges and delegates were present from about all of them, over two hundred attending the meeting.

The rank of page was conferred on four candidates by the degree team of the Sullivan Lodge of Durham and they did very good work.

Among the officers present were Grand Chancellor Marshall, Grand Vice Chancellor Tilton and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Corson.

The annual zone meeting of the Pythian district was held on Tuesday evening with the Damon Lodge, No. 9, in their hall at Freeman's block.

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Of course, frankness compels us to say that all of our holiday goods are new and clean, that even if you bought the last article we had in the house you would find it spick and span, but it doesn't seem quite the part of wisdom to put off from day to day the little trip you could make now to Margeson Brothers.

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ELECT NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. William H. Slayton of Claremont
Choice of Board of Instruction at
Special Meeting

Mr. William H. Slayton of Claremont, N. H., has been elected superintendent of the schools of Portsmouth to succeed Capt. James N. Pringle, who resigned to accept the position of Deputy Superintendent of the State Board of Instruction.

Mr. Slayton was elected at a special meeting of the Board of Instruction held on Thursday evening. A special committee consisting of Messrs. Thayer, Towle and Gooding have been looking up candidates and they have had a great many seeking the position. The recommendation that Mr. Slayton be elected was unanimously adopted as all of the members of the Board had met the candidate and were impressed with his worth.

As a matter of fact the city is very fortunate in getting Mr. Slayton, who is considered to be one of the most promising superintendents in the state. He is a man of fine spirit, a useful member of the communities where he has resided, competent as a pedagogical guide of a teaching force and entirely qualified for the administration of a school system.

Mr. Slayton was born in Lebanon, N. H., in 1878 and a graduate of the Lebanon high school. In 1897, he taught two years in the Lebanon grammar school before entering Dartmouth from where he graduated in 1904.

He then went to Claremont and taught a grammar school for a year and in 1905 he was elected superintendent of the Rochester schools, succeeding Mr. Silver who at that time came to this city.

He remained there two years and then took the Franklin, Penhook district until 1913 when he accepted his present position at Claremont.

He has been very active in other work, having acted as an instructor at the Keene Normal school during the summer sessions and he has done considerable Institute work under the State Department.

He was prominent in social life in Claremont, having charge of the Red Cross drive in that city last summer and he was socially very popular. He was president of the State Teachers' Association when the convention was held in this city and is personally well known to all of the teaching staff.

Mr. Slayton is married and has three children. He is to report in this city Jan. 15.

Entertainment at 8 p. m. Admission, 10 cents.

PHYSICIANS WILL HELP THE RED CROSS

Medical Society Meet and Eat at Rockingham; Dr. E. B. Eastman Host.

A largely attended meeting of the Portsmouth Medical Society was held at the Rockingham hotel on Tuesday evening with Dr. E. B. Eastman as host. Interesting papers were read by Doctors Berry and Ladd and a general discussion of special cases took place during the session previous to the banquet.

The society voted to assess each member the sum of \$1.00 monthly as a fund to be donated to the Red Cross to help in the war work.

HOLD NAVY YARD MAN FOR THE GRAND JURY

Hurley Furnishes Cash Bail of \$500 for Further Hearing in January.

Andrew Hurley, charged with larceny of metal from the government, was bound over in the sum of \$500 before the United States commission at Portland on Monday. The case will be presented to the Federal Grand Jury in January. Hurley furnished cash bail and was released.

BUILDING AND LOAN DECLARES DIVIDEND

A special meeting of the directors of the Portsmouth Building and Loan Association was held Wednesday, Dec. 5th, and it was voted to open the 56th series at this time and the usual semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent was declared.

The association is open to applicants who are anxious to own their homes. The secretary would be glad to confer with them.

EAGLES' MEETING

Regular meeting Mercedes Aerle, No. 682, F. O. E., this evening at 8 o'clock. Election of officers. Very important that all members should attend.

TIMOTHY CONNORS, Worthy President; RAPHAEL PAOLA, Worthy Secretary.

NOTICE.

Special meeting of Constitution Circle, No. 293, C. of P. of A., Thursday evening, Dec. 6, at 8 o'clock, N. E. O. P. hall, take action on the death of Companion Jeanie Leary. Per order,

MARY RYAN, Chief Companion.

ANNIE NUGENT, Rec. Sec.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will hold a Christmas sale in the vestry, Miller avenue, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 4 and 5. Open at 3 p. m.

PORTSMOUTH GIRL PARTICIPATES

At the concert to be given in Keene by the Glee Club of the Keene Normal school, Miss Caroline E. Marston of this city is one of the soloists and with her partner is to give an exhibition dance at the conclusion of the concert. Miss Marston is a member of the senior class.

POLITICAL NOTES

M. L. Raynes said this morning: "I will not serve if elected and my name must not go on the ballot."

Political workers started out this morning to wake 'em up.

John Yarwood was all smiles this morning and said: "I find that every promise promises a sweeping victory for me."

Bang! Bang! goes the political hander, and in some cases it is working overtime.

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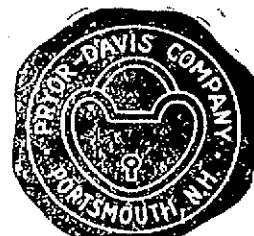
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